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REMARKS

This Amendment is being made in order to reopen prosecution and respond to the new grounds of rejection set forth in the decision of the Board dated July 20, 2007.

All of the pending independent claims now have been amended to recite an effective range for the concentration of hydrogen peroxide of around 0.05% to around 0.01%. Claims 4 and 12 specify that the volume of hydrogen peroxide is around 0.1%, as before.

The Board has cited two new references, in combination with the Onodera and Paley et al. references in rejecting the claims.

Applicant submits that the new references cited by the Board, in combination with the Onodera and Paley et al. references, still do not show or suggest the invention.

The accompanying Petition for an extension of time requests an extension of one month, to October 20, 2007 in which to submit a Supplemental Amendment and Declaration by the inventor to provide the new evidence which the Board indicates to be needed to form a factual basis for unobviousness.

As it is explained in the Petition, it is not possible to complete the necessary Declaration due to unavailability of the inventor at the present time. It is expected that the 31013

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inventor will be available and that the Declaration can be prepared and submitted within the requested extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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